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*Colonial Secretary's Office, Perth,
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HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to direct the publication of the general objects of the following Bill, which is now under the consideration of the Legislative Council, and will be read, for the second time, on Tuesday next, the 17th Instant.

By His Excellency's command,

PETER BROWN,

Colonial Secretary.

It is proposed to adopt the Act of 11th Geo. 4, and 1st Wm. 4, c. 73, intituled "An Act to repeal so much of an Act of the sixtieth year of His late Majesty King George the Third, for the more effectual Prevention and Punishment of Blasphemous and seditious Libels, as relates to the Sentence of Banishment for the second Offence, and to provide some further Remedy against the Abuse of publishing Libels."

Section 1.—The Punishment of Banishment for the second Offence of composing, printing, or publishing any Blasphemous or seditious Libel, is repealed.

2.—The amount of Recognizance required to be given by Publishers of Newspapers, &c. under the Act of 60th Geo. 3, c. 9, is increased to £400 for the Principal, and a like sum for the Sureties, in the whole; and the Condition of the Recognizance is to secure Payment of Damages and Costs to be recovered in Actions for Libels, as well as Payment of Fines to His Majesty.

3.—If the Plaintiff in any Action for Libel against the Editor, Conductor or Proprietor of a Newspaper, shall not be able to procure satisfaction by Writ of Execution against the Goods and Chattels of the Defendant, such proceedings may be taken upon the Recognizance as would be taken in the case of Fines due to His Majesty. Provided

that the expense of such Proceedings shall be borne by such Plaintiff.

4.—Recital, that it is expedient to carry into effect such of the Provisions of 38th Geo. 3, c. 9, as relate to the printing and publishing Newspapers, &c., and to Remedies against the Abuse of publishing Libels; and that, for the purpose of effecting such object, it is essential to nominate Officers in lieu of those mentioned in the said Acts. Whatsoever Act, Matter or Thing is by any of the aforesaid Acts directed to be done by or before a Commissioner of Stamps in England, shall be done by and before the Colonial Secretary of this Colony.

5.—Any Act, Matter or Thing, which by any of the aforesaid Acts is directed to be done before a Baron of the Exchequer, with respect to Newspapers, &c., printed in London, may be done before the Commissioner of the Civil Court of Western Australia.

6.—Any Act, Matter or Thing, which by any of the Acts aforesaid is directed to be done in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at Westminster, may be done in the Civil Court of Western Australia.

7.—Any Action or Proceeding by any of the Acts aforesaid directed to be commenced in the name of the Attorney-General in England, or of some Officer of the Stamp Duties, may be commenced in the name of the Advocate-General, or of the Collector of Revenue, for the Colony of Western Australia.

8.—Commencement of this Act.

*Colonial Secretary's Office, Perth,
January 12, 1837.*

THE Governor directs the following Marginal Notes of such Clauses of the English Acts relative to the Publication of Newspapers as are proposed to be brought into opera-

tion by the Act which is now under the consideration of the Legislative Council, to be published for general information.

By His Excellency's command,

PETER BROWN,

Colonial Secretary.

38 Geo. 3, c. 78.—“An Act for preventing the Mischiefs arising from the Printing and Publishing Newspapers, and Papers of a like nature, by Persons not known, and for regulating the Printing and Publication of such Papers in other respects.”

Section 1. After forty days, no person to print or publish a Newspaper until an Affidavit be delivered at the Stamp Office.

2. Affidavit to specify the names and abodes of the Printer or Publishers, and of the Proprietors, if they do not exceed two, exclusive of the Printer and Publisher; and if they do, then of two Proprietors and their proportional shares, and the description of the Printing House, and title of the Paper.

3. Where the Proprietors exceed two, the names of two of the greatest Proprietors, exclusive of the Printer and Publisher, to be specified in the Affidavit.

4. Affidavit to be made as often as the Printers, Publishers or Proprietors named therein, or their respective Abodes shall be changed, &c., or as often as the Commissioners for Stamps shall require.

5. Affidavit to be signed by the Parties, and taken by a Commissioner or Officer specially appointed.

6. Where the Printers, Publishers and Proprietors required to be named in the Affidavit, do not exceed four, the whole to swear; and where they do exceed that number, four to swear to certain particulars, and to give notice to the Parties not swearing, on penalty of £50 each.

7. Penalty of £100 for printing, publishing, or vending a Newspaper without such Affidavit having been signed, &c.

8. Persons making false or imperfect Affidavits liable to the penalties for Perjury.

9. Affidavits to be filed, and they or certified Copies to be admitted in all proceedings, Civil or Criminal, as Evidence of the truth of their Contents against the Persons swearing, and all mentioned therein, unless proved to the contrary. But if person shall have delivered, previous to the publication of the Paper to which the proceedings relate, an Affidavit that he has ceased to be Printer, &c., he shall not be so deemed after such delivery.

10. In Newspapers there shall be printed, the Names and Abodes of Printers and Publishers, on penalty of £100, and proof in manner hereinmentioned, that the Party is the Printer, &c., shall be sufficient, unless proved to the contrary.

11. After production of the Affidavit, or Copy, and a Paper intituled as hereinmentioned, &c., it shall not be necessary for a Prosecutor for Penalties under this Act to prove the purchase of the Paper.

12. Service at the Printing House mentioned in the Affidavit to be deemed sufficient notice to all Persons named therein. But if any Person shall have delivered, previous to the publication of the Paper to which the proceedings relate, an Affidavit that he has ceased to be Printer, &c., he shall not be so deemed after such delivery.

13. Certified Copies of Affidavits to be delivered on payment of 1s.

14. Copies of Affidavits certified by the Commissioners or Officers in whose custody they shall be, to be sufficient Evidence.

15. Penalty of £100 on unauthorised Persons giving Certificates.

16. Penalty of £100 for falsely certifying that Affidavits were sworn to, or that false Copies are true, &c.

17. After July 1st, 1798, a Copy of every Newspaper to be delivered, within six days of its publication, to the Commissioners of Stamps, or their Officer, on penalty of 100*l.*, the Paper to be paid for by the Commissioners, and may within two years after publication be produced as Evidence in any Proceeding, Civil or Criminal.

22. On oath that any Person has a Newspaper intended to be sent to any Country not in amity with His Majesty, a Justice may summon and examine the Party. Penalty for not answering lawful Questions, 50*l.* Papers to be forfeited.

23. The Names and Abode of Proprietors out of Great Britain to be specified in Affidavits.

24. Penalty on Printing or Publishing any seditious Matter under colour of having been printed in a Foreign Paper, from Six to Twelve Months' Imprisonment, and other punishment, as for misdemeanour. Proof of its having been so previously printed to be on the Defendant.

25. If such Proof be made, the Publication to be deemed of the same nature as it would have been before this Act.

28. To Bills for discovering of Proprietors, Printers, Editors, or Publishers of Newspapers, the Defendant shall not demur; but shall make the discovery required.

29. Recovery and application of Penalties.

30. No Order or Conviction of a Justice to be removed into any Court, or the Execution superseded.

60 Geo. 3, and 1st Geo. 4, c. 8.—“An Act for the more effectual Prevention and Punishment of Blasphemous and seditious Libels.”

Section 1. After conviction for a Blasphemous or seditious Libel, Court to make order for the seizure of Copies of the Libel.

2. Copies of Libels so seized to be restored, if Judgment arrested, &c.; otherwise to be disposed of as the Court shall direct.

8. Actions for any thing done under this Act. Limitation of Actions; Venue; Plea; Costs.

60 Geo. 3, and 1st Geo. 4, c. 9.—“An Act to subject certain Publications to the Duties of Stamps upon Newspapers, and to make other Regulations for restraining the Abuses arising from the Publication of Blasphemous and seditious Libels.”

Section 1. Pamphlets and Papers containing News, &c., to be deemed Newspapers.

4. Publication at intervals not exceeding 26 days, to be published on the first day of every Calendar Month, or within two days before or after. Penalty 20*l.*

5. The Price and day of Publication to be printed on Periodical Publications; and Penalty for omitting the same 20*l.*

6. Not to extend to the Allowance made to Distributors who buy to retail.

8. No Person to print or publish Newspapers,

&c., or Pamphlets, without entering into Recognizance, or giving Bond for securing Fines upon conviction for Libels. Penalty 20*l*.

9. If Sureties pay any part of the money for which they are bound, or become Bankrupt, new Recognizance or Bond must be given. Penalty 20*l*.

10. Sureties may withdraw from Recognizance upon giving notice. New Recognizance to be entered into. Penalty 20*l*.

12. Lists of Recognizances and Bonds taken to be transmitted to Commissioners of Stamps.

13. Copy of such Pamphlet or Paper to be delivered to the Commissioners or Distributors of Stamps. Penalty 100*l*.

14. Commissioners refusing to take any Pamphlet or Paper, to give, if required, Certificate of such Refusal.

16. Recognizance of Bail, in case of Libel, to be for good behaviour, as well as to appear and answer.

17. Recovery of Penalties.

18. Two or more Justices to determine Offences: if Penalty not paid, Party to be imprisoned. Appeal; Costs. Justices may mitigate Penalties.

19. Penalty on Persons summoned as Witnesses not appearing, &c.

20. Form of Conviction.

21. Order or Conviction of Justices not to be removed into any Court, or the Execution superseded.

22. No Actions for Penalties shall be commenced but in the name of the Attorney-General in England and Ireland, and Advocate for Scotland, or some Officer of the Stamp Duties.

26. Exceptions.

*Colonial Secretary's Office, Perth,
January 5, 1837.*

SALE OF CROWN LANDS.

AT 12 o'clock on Monday, the 6th of February next, the Collector of Revenue will put up for Sale by Public Auction, in front of the Public Offices, Perth, seven Allotments of (640) six hundred and forty acres each, being part of the original York Reserve, from Y 1 to Y 7.

Further information respecting the Allotments may be obtained from the Surveyor-General; and respecting the Conditions, from the Collector of Revenue.

*By His Excellency's command,
PETER BROWN,
Colonial Secretary*

*Colonial Secretary's Office, Perth
December 23, 1836.*

SALE OF CROWN LANDS.

AT 12 o'clock on Monday, the 23d day of January next, the Collector of Revenue will put up for Sale, by Public Auction, in front of the Public Offices, the undermentioned PORTIONS

of LAND, upon the conditions authorised by Government.

Further particulars respecting the Land, may be obtained from the Surveyor-General; and respecting the Conditions, from the Collector of Revenue.

1st.—One thousand two hundred Acres (1,200) on the "Murray" River; bounded on the East by the land applied for by R. G. Meares; on the North, by the left bank of the "Murray" River; on the South, by a line drawn from the south-west corner of R G. Meares's land; and on the West, by a due north and south line, to include the quantity required. *Applied for by Edward Pickering.*

2nd.—One thousand two hundred Acres (1,200) on the "Murray" River; bounded on the South by the land of Joseph Cooper; on the East and the North, by the left bank of the "Murray" River; and on the West, by a north and south line, to include the quantity required. *Applied for by R. G. Meares.*

*By His Excellency's command,
PETER BROWN,
Colonial Secretary.*

*Colonial Secretary's Office, Perth,
January 6, 1837.*

HIS Excellency the Governor having received authority for the supply of 200 Loads (of 50 Cubic feet each) of Native Mahogany for the use of His Majesty's Dock-Yard, Portsmouth, Tenders for the supply of the same will be received at this Office on the 28th Instant, from such person or persons as may be willing to enter into a Contract for the supply of the same.

*By His Excellency's command,
PETER BROWN,
Colonial Secretary.*

*Colonial Secretary's Office, Perth,
January 2, 1837.*

HIS Excellency the Governor directs it to be notified, for general information, that the Government Residents at the several Ports of this Colony, respectively, have been appointed to sanction the Discharge of Seamen in Western Australia, as required by the 41st section of an Act passed in the 5th and 6th Wm 4, cap. 19, intituled "An Act to amend and consolidate the Laws

relating to the Merchant Seamen of the United Kingdom, and for forming and maintaining a Register of all the men engaged in that service;" and all persons concerned are hereby required to apply to such Government Residents accordingly.

By His Excellency's command,
PETER BROWN,
Colonial Secretary.

Commissariat Office, Perth,
January 5, 1837.

TENDERS in Triplicate will be received at this Office on Tuesday, the 24th Instant, at 12 o'clock, from such person or persons as may be willing to supply, for the use of His Majesty's Troops, Fifty Pounds of Gunpowder, deliverable at the Powder Magazine, Perth, and subject to the approval of a Board of Officers.

For further particulars, apply at this Office.

JOHN LEWIS,
Deputy Assistant Commissary General.

Commissariat Office, Perth,
January 5, 1837.

TENDERS in Triplicate will be received at this Office on Tuesday, the 24th Instant, at 12 o'clock, from such person or persons as may be willing to contract for the Carriage of Provisions, and other Articles, for the use of His Majesty's Troops, to and from Perth to York.

For further particulars, apply at this Office.

JOHN LEWIS,
Deputy Assistant Commissary General.

Commissariat Office, Perth,
January 6, 1837.

SEALD Tenders in Triplicate will be received at this Office on Tuesday, the 17th Instant, at 12 o'clock, from such person or persons who may be willing to enter into Contract for Building two Hut Barracks, (the one on the Military Station at the Williams, and the other at the Military Station at Warriup), consisting of one room each, 18 feet by 14 feet, and 10 feet high; one ledge

door, with lock and key and latch, and two three feet square windows, with hanging flap shutters, only, instead of glass. The roof to be substantially thatched with rushes, and the walls shall be constructed with strong substantial posts, filled up with good wattle and dab, smoothed on both sides; also one mud fire-place and chimney shall be built at each end, high enough to clear the ridge by not less than 18 inches. The Barracks may be built with hips or gables, at the option of the Contractor. The time the Work can be finished must be specified in the Tender.

Any further particulars may be known on application at this Office, or to the Civil Engineer.

JOHN LEWIS,
Deputy Assistant Commissary General.

Commissariat Office, Perth,
January 5, 1837.

TENDERS in Triplicate will be received at this Office on Tuesday, the 24th Instant, at 12 o'clock, from such person or persons as may be willing to supply (18) Eighteen Square Granite Caps for the Pillars in the lower Story of the Commissariat Store.

The Specification may be seen, and any further information obtained, on application at this Office.

JOHN LEWIS,
Deputy Assistant Commissary General.

Commissariat Office, Perth,
January 5, 1837.

TENDERS in Triplicate will be received at this Office on Tuesday, the 24th Instant, at 12 o'clock, from such person or persons as may be willing to enter into Contract for fixing and fitting up complete, an Iron Pump in the Barrack Yard at the Soldiers' Barracks, Perth. Parties tendering must notify the time in which the Work will be completed.

Any further information may be obtained at this Office.

JOHN LEWIS,
Deputy Assistant Commissary General.